

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Christophe BERTEZ et al.

Serial No. 09/755,053

GROUP 1725

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Examiner J. Johnson

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LASER CUTTING OF STAINLESS STEEL, COATED STEEL, ALUMINUM OR ALUMINUM ALLOYS WITH BIFOCAL OPTICAL COMPONENT

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of November 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Cancel claim 10.

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a method, without traverse.

Non-elected claim 10 is cancelled herewith, but may of course be made the subject of a divisional application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

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 $$\operatorname{An}$$ action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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